(a) the number of formal and informal primary schools running in Chhattisgarh;

(b) the number of the villages of the State where such primary schools do not exist;

(c) whether any time-frame has been fixed for opening primary schools in each and every village of the States; and

(d) the caste-wise and sex-wise literacy after the census of 2001?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) According to the 7th All India School Education Survey there were 23951 recognized Primary Schools in Chhattisgarh in 2002-03 (Reference date 20th September, 2002) and out of the total 37933 habitations, 34346 (90.54%) habitations have a primary stage facility with a walking distance of 1 km. Under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), the norm is to provide School/Alternative schooling facility within one kilometre of every habitation. The caste-wise and sex-wise literacy rates following the Census 2001 is not available. However, the sex-wise literacy rates in Chhattisgarh as per Census 2001 is 77.38% for males and 51.85% for females.

Performance of States under SSA

2714. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the States which have shown good results in the case of implementing the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan;

(b) the details of States whose performance has not been found satisfactory; and

(c) the steps taken to improve the performance of these States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to

(c) All States except Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Sikkim, Haryana, Manipur and Bihar utilized more than 70% of SSA funds available in 2004-05.

The performance of States, especially those where the pace of expenditure is slow, are monitored on regular basis by Government of India and relevant issues are taken up with the State Governments concerned.

Status of children

2715. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the grim scenario regarding status of children in the country mentioned in the United Nations report on the "States of World Children 2005";

(b) the basic amenities/rights which a child in a civil society is entitled to (namely, access to proper shelter, clean drinking water, food, toilet immunization, nutrition, education) and the status regarding these parameters in India; and

(c) the steps Government intend to take to improve the lot of children?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) The UNICEF Report titled "State of World's Children 2005" has reported the status of children in the world including India.

(b) A list of child indicators is given in the Annexure.

(c) Various schemes and programmes are being implemented by Government to address different issues relating to children, such as, health, education, nutrition, immunization, early childhood development, protection from exploitation, etc. these include Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Integrated Child Development Services, Kishori Shakti Yojana, National Immunization Programme, Integrated Programme for Street Children, Integrated Programme for Juvenile Justice, Rural Sanitation Programme, Swajaldhara, etc.